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1. FOLLOWING ARE PRINCIPAL RESULTS OF FIRST
DAY OF CONSULTATIONS. (THIS CABLE'S TRANSMISSION WAS
DELAYED DUE TO EMBASSY OVERSIGHT, FOR WHICH APOLOGY.)

2. JAPAN IS PLANNING TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR UNSC FOR
1978-79. GOVERNOR SCRANTON WELCOMED THIS INTENTION.

3. JAPANESE SHOWED CONCERN ABOUT ANY "SELECTIVE
PARTICIPATION" APPROACH BY US AND ANY EVENTUAL
DEPARTURE FROM ILO OR ANY OTHER AGENCY.

4. JAPAN WILL OPPOSE EXCLUSION OF SOUTH AFRICA FROM
IAEA BUT HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER TO SUPPORT OR
ABSTAIN ON PLO OBSERVER BID. JAPANESE NOTED THAT THEY
HAVE IN PAST SUPPORTED PLO OBSERVER STATUS IN OTHER
BODIES, WITH EXCEPTION OF ICAO. GOVERNOR SCRANTON
EMPHASIZED THAT PLO PARTICIPATION IN IAEA SIMILARLY
INAPPROPRIATE.

5. JAPAN VIEWS GROWTH IN BUDGETS WITH SAME
CONCERN AS WE DO AND IS INTERESTED IN WAYS TO ADAPT
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FRENCH PROPOSAL IN GENEVA GROUP. WE PROVIDED US THOUGHTS

ON HOW IT MIGHT BE ADAPTED.

6. JAPAN GIVING CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO KOREAN ISSUE. IT IS INSTRUCTING ITS MISSION TO OPPOSE DEFERMENT OPTION BECAUSE OF FEAR THIS WOULD INDICATE WEAKNESS AND FEAR THAT RECOMMENDATION BY GENERAL COMMITTEE WOULD BE OVERTURNED. JAPAN WOULD, HOWEVER, AGREE TO A DEFERMENT MOVE BY OTHERS IF THIS IS FAVORED BY THE ROK AND CORE GROUP MAJORITY AND IF IT APPEARED TO HAVE SUFFICIENT SUPPORT IN PLENARY. JAPANESE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT DEFERMENT MOVE, IF MADE, WOULD BE PREFERABLE AFTER BOTH RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED IN FIRST COMMITTEE.

7. JAPANESE PRESSED HARD AGAINST ANY VETO OF VIETNAMESE APPLICATION TO UN, ARGUING ITS UNFAVORABLE EFFECT ON VOTING PATTERN ON KOREAN ISSUE. GOVERNOR SCRANTON NOTED CONTINUING GREAT CONCERN IN US REGARDING MIAS, AND SAID THAT HE HAD HEARD PERSONALLY FROM MANY AMERICAN FAMILIES CONCERNED.

8. JAPAN HAS TOLD TURKS IT WILL SUPPORT MOVE IN GENERAL COMMITTEE TO ASSIGN CYPRUS ITEM TO SPC FROM OUTSET.
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